

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 953

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Ray Evans and the Cocke County High School Fighting Cocks boys' basketball team on winning the 2008 District 2 AAA championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Cocke County High School Fighting Cocks boys' basketball team is one such team, as they won the 2008 District 2 AAA championship on February 19, 2008, defeating defending champions the Greeneville High School Devils by a score of 72-70; and

WHEREAS, during a season marked by ceaseless diligence, dedication, and hard work, the team maximized its considerable talents, establishing an impressive record of twenty-one wins against only seven losses; and

WHEREAS, Cocke County High School, led by Head Coach Ray Evans, triumphed over the Greeneville High School Devils in a hard fought championship test of stamina, in which the Fighting Cocks, who trailed by seven with only two minutes remaining in the game, mounted an impressive drive to tie the score and force an overtime period; and

WHEREAS, in the game's extra minutes, the Fighting Cocks took the lead in an initial flurry of scoring and managed to maintain it until time expired, thereby emerging victorious and, winning the team's first district championship since 1972; and

WHEREAS, the victory was made even sweeter by coming as it did against the Devils, who had beaten the Fighting Cocks in each of their previous fourteen meetings; and

WHEREAS, at the head of the efforts to overcome the Devils late in the game was sophomore point guard Marcus Stewart, who scored seven of his game total seventeen points

in the final ninety seconds of play, Travis Kelley, who netted nineteen points, and Nick Glenn, who scored eighteen; and

WHEREAS, the Fighting Cocks' admirable performances throughout the season and during the district tournament have earned them numerous awards; Head Coach Ray Evans was named Co-Coach of the Year, Nick Glenn and Travis Kelley were named to the 2007-2008 All-Conference Team, Travis Kelley and Marcus Stewart earned places on the All-Tournament Team, and Nick Glenn was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the coaches and members of the Cocke County High School Fighting Cocks boys' basketball team for their success on the court and their service as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of Cocke County High School in applauding Head Coach Ray Evans and the Fighting Cocks basketball team upon their capture of the District 2 AAA Championship, congratulate them on an excellent season, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.